

Subject: Leeward Avenue-Homeless problem

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CC: Wilshire Center <mike@wilshirecenter.com>

Dear Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Council Member Gil Cedillo, District Manager Hugo Ortiz, and Field Deputy Luis Gonzalez,

Please see the attached petitions signed by your constituents who live on Leeward Avenue between S. Vermont Ave. and S. Westmoreland Avenue. With this petition, they are expressing their great frustrations and valid fears regarding the homeless people that regularly camp and loiter in front of their homes.

I am additionally writing on behalf of a property owner which my company represents who owns two large apartment buildings on the street and is also adversely affected as a Los Angeles business owner by this problem. He is frustrated because he is mandated to pay a special assessment (Wilshire BID) that is supposed to assist with these issues, yet we continue to have a serious and pervasive problem. Many prospective tenants are unwilling to apply to live in his buildings because they are fearful of the aggressive and solicitous behaviors, and the mere presence of the homeless camped and loitering on the block. Our contact at Wilshire BID, Michael Russell, has been great to work with, but it seems as though his hands are tied due to the existing city ordinances that allow homeless people with tents to stay on the sidewalks if they are using their tents. If they are allowed to do this on Leeward Avenue, does that mean this could happen in front of our homes, as well?

I strongly urge you to hear the outcry of the citizens you represent and do whatever is in your power to remedy this problem we share.

Thank you,
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